by accumulated losses. The unit should have a rehabilitation, modernization or diversification package approved by a designated financial institution. The eligible unit would be entitled to an interest free loan, with a grace period of 3 years and repayable over seven years, amounting to 50% of its actual excise payments for three years subsequent to the approval of the scheme. The total amount given by way of such 'Excise Loans' will not exceed 25% of the overall cost of rehabilitation / modernisation diversification.

(vii) A small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been established in April, 1990 to function as an Apex Bank for tiny and small scale industries. The paid up capital of this bank is Rs. 250 crores.

SIDBI has been organising rehabilitation meets in different States to help primary lending institutions (PLIs) and promoters in drawing up mutually acceptable rehabilitation packages for potentially viable sick SSI units. During 1990-91, 23 meets were organised at 1 centres where cases of over 250 units were discussed. The response from the PLIs and borrowers to such meets has been encouraging.

A separate Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation (RSR) is being operated by SIDBI for revival of potentially viable sick units.

Letters from MPs.

6576. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from the M.Ps. in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions during the last 12 months;

(b) the number out of these pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the replies to the remaining letters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) 447.

(b) 63 letters are pending for final reply, as the requisite informations are awaited from other Ministries/Departments.

(c) The authorities concerned are being regularly reminded to expedite final replies.

Delicensing of Beer and Alcohol

6577. SHRI K.V.THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of import component in the plant to manufacture beer and alcohol;

(b) what imports are necessary to make these products; and

(c) whether the Government propose to deliecense Beer and alcohol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.KURIEN): (a) Generally plants for manufacture of Beer and alcohol are procured from indigenous sources. However, the import content in some cases of "Brew House"plants varied between 21.6% for the First plant and 1.63% for the Third plant.

(b) the two basic raw materials for Beer and Alcohol are Bareby malt and molasses and they are available indigenously. Brewery Hops, one of the raw materials required in the manufacture of Beer,was available mainly from the state of Jammu & Kashmir, a part of the requirement was met through imports.

(c) No, Sir, the Government do not have any proposal to delicense Beer and Potable Alcohol.

Upgradation of Section Officer Posts as Group 'A' Posts

6578. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations regarding upgradation of posts of Section Officer as Group "A' posts;;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken thereon and when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if no decision has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

Representations have been received by the Government with regard to revision of scale of pay of Section Officers of the Central Secretariat Service from Rs. 2000-3500 (Group B) to Rs. 2000 - 4000 and grant of Group A Status to Section Officers.

(b) There is,no proposal at present to revise the pay scale from Rs. 200-3500 to Rs. 2200-4000 by upgrading the posts of Section Officers from Group B to Group A.

(c) Does not arise.

Extension of Chief executives of PSUs

6579. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of the Government to give extension to the Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings on expiry of their terms and after retirement ; and

(b) if so, whether the extension of services on expiry of the terms to a Chief Executive of Public Sector Undertakings requires approval of the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) As per existing policy,extension of tenure is permissible to the Chief Executives, of the Public Sector Undertakings,based on their performance, upto the date of attaining the age of superannuation. Execution of tenure beyond the age of superannuation is not allowed except in rare and really exceptional cases.

(b) Yes, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Issue of letters of intent

6580. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of letters of intent/licences issued to industries during January 1 to July 31, 1991;

(b) the number of letter of intent/licences issued to hundred percent export oriented industries in Bihar; and

(c) the total number of industries set up in said state against those licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.KURIEN): (a) A Statement is enclosed.

(b) No letter of Intent/Industrial Licence has been issued for setting up of any hundred